

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An infusion beverage package comprising:

a body portion comprising overlying layers of porous material that are joined to form at least one compartment, said at least one compartment carrying infusion beverage product in addition to a weight, said porous material of said at least one compartment allowing for passage of water therethrough for infusion of said infusion beverage product carried in said at least one compartment and said weight causing that causes said body portion to sink in water, wherein said weight is realized from the group consisting of ceramic material, porcelain material, and naturally-occurring rock material.

2. (previously presented) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one compartment carries an agent that imparts flavor into a solution during steeping of said infusion beverage product.

3. (previously presented) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said overlying layers of porous material are joined together by one of thermal welding, compression, folding or stitching to form said at least one compartment.

4. (original) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one compartment comprises a first compartment distinct from a second compartment, said first compartment carrying infusion beverage product and said second compartment carrying said weight.

5. (previously presented) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said weight comprises a material that is non-toxic, insoluble, odorless and flavorless.

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10. (original) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said porous material comprises a sheet of fibrous cellulosic material.

11. (previously presented) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said porous material withstands immersion into boiling water without damage or disintegration in addition to being non-toxic, odorless and flavorless.

12. (previously presented) An infusion beverage package according to claim 2, wherein:

said agent is selected from the group consisting of sugar and a sugar substitute.

13. (original) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, further comprising:

a string having a first end opposite a second end, wherein the first end is anchored to said body portion; and

a tag affixed to said second end of said string.

14. (original) An infusion beverage package according to claim 13, wherein:

said tag carries product indicia.

15. (original) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, further comprising:
two body portions that extend from a hinged interface.
16. (original) An infusion beverage package according to claim 15, further comprising:
a bottom wall that extends between the two body portions, said bottom wall and
two body portions defining a space for solution to flow through during steeping, and
wherein said bottom wall has a compartment for carrying said weight.
17. (previously presented) An infusion beverage package according to claim 16,
wherein:
said bottom wall is foldable.
18. (original) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:
said infusion beverage product is selected from the group consisting of tea and
coffee.
19. (previously presented) An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:
said infusion beverage product is selected from the group consisting of soups,
powdered milk, medicinal preparations, food seasonings, and dyes.